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THE 25th ALLEN HOPE SOUTHEY MEMORIAL LECTURE

WHY REFUGEE LAW STILL MATTERS

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International refugee law has come under increasing attack in recent years. In particular, it has been suggested that international efforts are best addressed to meeting the needs of at-risk persons still inside their own country, and that whatever external protection is granted should be strictly temporary. Professor Hathaway will seek to open a debate on the wisdom of departure from traditional notions of asylum, and to suggest constructive ways that the human rights of involuntary migrants can best be reconciled to the legitimate concerns of receiving states.

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Light refreshments will be offered prior to this lecture from 5.30pm

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Professor James Hathaway is a leading authority on international refugee law whose work is regularly cited by the most senior courts of the common law world. He is the founding director of the University of Michigan's Program in Refugee and Asylum Law, Senior Visiting Research Associate at Oxford University's Refugee Studies Programme, and President of the Cuenca Colloquium on International Refugee Law. Professor Hathaway was previously Professor of Law and Associate Dean of the Osgoode Hall Law School (Toronto), and has been appointed a visiting professor at the Universities of Melbourne, Cairo, California, Macerata and Tokyo. He regularly provides training on refugee law to academic, non-governmental, and official audiences around the world.

Hathaway's publications include more than sixty journal articles, a leading treatise on the refugee definition (*The Law of Refugee Status*, 1991), an interdisciplinary study of models for refugee law reform (*Reconceiving International Refugee Law*, 1997) and, most recently, *The Rights of Refugees under International Law* (2005) – the first comprehensive analysis of the human rights of refugees set by the UN Refugee Convention, all linked to key international human rights norms and applied to the world's most difficult protection challenges. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and of Asylum Access, a non-profit organization committed to delivering innovative legal aid to refugees in the global South. Hathaway also sits on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Refugee Studies* and of the *Immigration and Nationality Law Reports* and directs the Refugee Caselaw Site (www.refugeecaselaw.org), a web site that collects, indexes, and publishes leading judgments on refugee law.